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1. CHARGE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS ON OTHER SUBJECTS WITH FONMIN ROVIRA AND MINISTRY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR ALVARO ALVAREZ TO INQUIRE ABOUT STATUS OF GOU RATIFICATION OF SUBJECT CONVENTION. (NOTE: FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, ROVIRA AND ALVAREZ ARE "WORKING LEVEL" ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES WITHIN MINISTRY.) NEITHER OF THEM WOULD VENTURE ANY OPINION AS TO PROSPECTS FOR AND PROBABLE TIMING OF RATIFICATION BY GOU ALTHOUGH BOTH PROMISED TO LOOK INTO MATTER.

2. COMMENT: DURING DISCUSSIONS, BOTH ROVIRA AND ALVAREZ SEEMED INTRIGUED BY PROSPECT THAT ENTERING INTO FORCE OF CONVENTION WOULD NOT ONLY GIVE IAHRF FIRMER AND MORE CLEARLY DEFINED MANDATE BUT ALSO NECESSITATE NEW ELECTION OF ITS MEMBERSHIP. SINCE URUGUAY'S PROBLEMS WITH IAHRF CENTER ON ITS MEMBERS AND INTERPRETATION OF ITS MANDATE, GOU MAY FIND, IF IT EXAMINES SITUATION CAREFULLY AND OBJECTIVELY, THAT BRINGING CONVENTION INTO FORCE WOULD
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BE PREFERABLE TO PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS REGARDING IAHRF.
WE WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES INFORMALLY TO EXPLORE THIS SUBJECT WITH GOU OFFICIALS.
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